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the very same thing, but at least we would have taken the time for some of these considerations that I, and I know a lot of the people out there in the private sector, the tax-paying sector, really want to see this Legislature address. And we don't have that much time in a short session, which I understand the reluctance of people at this time. This gives us two years to discuss these issues, and it's very reasonable and it should be done. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Speaker, members of the body. I rise...I think we're on the Maurstad amendment, correct?

SENATOR CROSBY: The Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes. I rise in support of the Maurstad amendment. I think it makes an amendment that Senator Brown introduced better, and I don't understand, I guess in my simple mind, why we can't step back in a couple years and take a look at the direction we're going and encouragement of the people to, in fact, look into the private insurance business. I have a difficult time in understanding why this is such a difficult issue. The remark was made that, I think Senator Wesely said something about, that this is the wrong thing to do because we'll do away with it. I don't think that means we're going to do away with it, it means we're going to look at it. In fact, if the issue is going in the direction that we think it should, there's no certainty that it won't be continued at that time, but to take a look at it, yes. So I support the Maurstad amendment that will, in fact, do for this bill what I think needs to be...for this amendment what I think should be done. And with that, I'll turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Schimek, followed by Brown, Wesely, Chris Peterson, Maurstad, and Bromm. Senator Schimek, on the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I've been trying real hard not to make Senator Lynch's list of most talkative senators this year, and I wasn't going to turn my light on again, but here I am. I just have a couple of